

For Your Information
Weekly
FROM THE CITY MANAGER & STAFF
August 12, 2016

The City of Clewiston is currently accepting nominations for the Outstanding Community Service Award for 2016. If you know of someone who you feel deserves this honor, please stop by City Hall and pick up a nomination form. The deadline for nominations is today.

Dates to Remember

August 15, 2016 – Clewiston City Commission Meeting, CRA Meeting and Budget Workshop
August 18, 2016 – Golf Course Advisory Board Meeting

Staff Reports

Library Director Barrett reports:

- Microsoft Word and Excel training will be offered at your library starting September 12, 2016 at 5:30 PM Mondays and Thursdays. The program will involve hands-on instructor led classes for best learning benefit. These classes are offered free to City of Clewiston employees. Come to your library and improve your skills in these two vital office tools. Call the library at 863-983-1493 to register and ask questions.
- Applications are being sought for After School Tutors at the Clewiston Public Library. If you know any suitable teacher who would contribute to the success of our children, academically, call 863-983-1493 and let us know or better still, give them the number and ask them to call. Certified Elementary teachers are preferred. In addition, we are seeking two smart high school students to intern as after school tutors. A small stipend is offered for this opportunity. Call with information on any candidates you think would be good.
- **For information regarding any of our programs, please call the library at (863) 983-1493 and remember to visit www.hendrylibraries.org.**

Golf Course Director Robbie Rush Reports:

- Get all Clewiston Golf Course news. Visit our website at www.clewiston-fl.gov and sign up under Constant Contact. You will automatically be put on the golf course e-mail.
- **Clewiston Golf Course** is having a 20% off sale on all golf shop merchandise now, except golf balls and gloves.
- Get your grips re-done. Contact the golf shop at 863-983-1448.
- Golf lessons are available. Contact Robbie Rush at 863-983-1448.
- Member Rate for unlimited holes the same day is \$19.00 plus tax.
- Non-Member Rate for unlimited holes the same day is \$28.00 plus tax.
- United States Sugar Corporation has started cleaning all the ditches and ponds.
- Renovation of number nine pond will continue next week.
- Fairways were fertilized this week.

- The renovation of the greens is moving right along as scheduled. We are on temporary greens now until Labor Day weekend.
- CHS boys and girls golf teams started practice this week.
- 2016 Clewiston Masonic Lodge Tournament is scheduled for September 10, 2016. Sign-up is in the golf shop or call 863-983-1448. Foursomes (8:30am Shotgun Start)
- 2016 United States Sugar Employee Tournament is scheduled for September 17, 2016.
- 2016 Parent-Child Championship is scheduled for September 25, 2016.
- Golf staff is planning some new tournaments this season. (Clewiston Match Play, Clewiston Stableford Tournament, Clewiston Senior Stableford Tournament and 2-Person Team Championship)
- **Golf Quote of the Week:** “If you think it’s hard to meet new people, try picking up the wrong golf ball” –Jack Lemon
- **Golf Tip of the Week:** How do you fix a slice? For right handed golfers, on your back swing feel the back of your left hand is pointing down and away from you at about belt high in your back swing (knuckles down) and hit the ball. By doing this you will put the clubface in a closed position in your swing. Slices usually happen from an open clubface.

Recreation Director Lance Ramer reports:

- Clewiston Recreation will be testing and training 5 lifeguards for their WSI (Water Safety Instructor) certification in the next several weeks. Congratulations to Robyn Basquin, Joel McCray, Morgan Daniels, Ciara Iglesias and Bradley Bellew for completing their initial Lifeguard certifications earlier this year. Good Luck! ** This will make 12 Certified Water Safety Instructors to have come through our program in the last 7 years!
- Ballfield crews are prepping fields and moving goals from storage for soccer season which begins next month and scuff hoe edging ballfield clay and chemically edging fence rows.
- All parks have been chemically treated for weeds this week and will receive a follow up treatment in 14 days.
- The inside of the Youth Center received some touch up painting, floor scrubbing and deep cleaning after Summer Camp. All Summer Camp equipment has been inventoried, cleaned and placed back in storage.
- The C.S. Mott Pool will be open only on Saturdays from 10am-6pm and Sundays from 1-6pm beginning August 1st.
- The Splash Pad will continue to be open on Tuesdays from 3-5pm, Thursdays from 10am-Noon and Saturday/Sundays from 9am-7pm.
- Clewiston Recreation Men’s Softball ended its regular season last week and Brenda’s Place won the regular season! Weather has been our nemesis for beginning the end of the season tournament. We hope to begin this week with the end of the season tournament. (weather permitting)
- Clewiston Recreation would like to give a big “SHOUT OUT” THANKS! To Mike Young who has been very diligent about coming out and spraying for mosquitos around the ballfields during our softball seasons!

- Clewiston Recreation Men's Basketball Leagues regular season ended Thursday August 4th. Clewiston K&M Drugs won the regular season. Clewiston K&M Drugs will play LaBelle K&M Drug for the tournament Championship Thursday Aug. 11th at 7pm.
- UPCOMING Weekly highlights for Clewiston Recreation
 - Aug. 13th – Family Reunion 11am-3pm Youth Center
 - Aug. 15th – USACOE Meeting 8am-5pm John Boy Auditorium
 - Aug. 16th – USACOE Meeting 8am-5pm John Boy Auditorium
 - Aug. 16th - USACOE Public Meeting 5:30-9pm John Boy Auditorium
 - Aug. 17th - USACOE Meeting 8am-5pm John Boy Auditorium
 - Aug. 18th – AYSO Soccer Registrations 5:30-8pm Youth Center
- If you are interested in participating in a Co-Ed Dodgeball and/or Co-Ed Volleyball league contact Andre at 983-1492
- Go to www.clewistonrecreation.com to check us out and get information regarding all your recreational needs.

Public Works Director Sean Scheffler reports:

- Mosquito Control: Trap counts have stayed consistently low for this time in the season. Trap counts are as follows:
SW Trap (Golf Course-Harlem area): 379;
SE Trap (Sports Complex – Elks Property area): 271;
NE Trap (Okeechobee Blvd. end of San Gabriel area): 248; and
NW Trap (Berner Road area): 293.
There have been no complaints registered in my office in the last two months. Therefore there will be a change in the spray schedule. Tuesday's ground ULV treatment will be dropped. We will spray only on Friday evenings. We will diligently monitor traps and if we see a significant increase in counts or complaints we will pick up the Tuesday treatment again.
- Street Maintenance: (1) Staff swept several miles of streets and pulled maintenance on catch basins this week. (2) Shade trees were trimmed on Ponce. (3) We will be running pot holes on Friday.
- Paving Project: Five paving contractors submitted bids for this year's paving project. These bids were opened in the Commission Room at 2:00 pm on Tuesday. A recommendation will be presented to the Commission for consideration on Thursday during the Commission Workshop.
- Pasadena Drainage Project: Staff has been in contact with the contractor for this project and a sod contractor to obtain a quote to replace the dead sod on the project.
- DOT / Hendry County Coordination Meet: Here is the calendar for the projects that are in the Clewiston area:
 1. New Welcome signs: East and West. Letting Date: 7/18/2018
 2. Sidewalks: On Ventura, Lopez to Berner. Letting date 7/17 2019
 3. Road Resurfacing: On Francisco Street, Sonora to 27 in design phase (completion in 2018).
 4. Road Resurfacing: On W.C. Owen, Georgia to 27. SCOP & SCRAP agreement executed in 2016 (completion in 2018).
 5. Road Resurfacing: On Sonora Ave., W.C. Owen to Davidson Rd. Agreements drafted in 2016.

6. Drainage Project: On Pasadena Ave. This project is finishing up. The last issue is sod replacement.

Police Chief Gutshall reports:

- Officers responded to a report of a deceased person on East Concordia. Timothy Allen Eye, 58 years old. The death does not appear suspicious.
- Patrol Officers conducted a traffic stop on a vehicle with two occupants over the weekend. The driver of the vehicle fled as the officer exited the patrol vehicle. The passenger was detained and later charged with possession of Crack Cocaine. The driver (who has been identified but not yet apprehended) has multiple charges pending against him.
- Justin Blissett was arrested on East Arcade over the weekend. He was charged with Carrying a Concealed Firearm, Possession of Stolen Firearm, Possession of Marijuana, Possession of Narcotics w/o prescription, and contributing to the Delinquency of a Minor.
- Patrol Officers stopped Jacoby Davis in Seminole Manor. He was charged with Possession of Cocaine, Resisting Arrest and Tampering/Attempting to Destroy Evidence.
- Following is a brief synopsis of the week's activity:
 - 844** Commercial / Residential Security Checks
 - 579** Complaints Investigated
 - 10** Traffic Citations issued
 - 22** Arrests made
 - 59** Merchant Escorts
 - 9** Alarms Responded To
 - 2** Traffic Accidents Investigated

Utilities Director Williams reports:

- **Hurricane Season Tip:** Utilities often cannot respond to individual customers with special needs during or immediately after a storm. Have a plan in place for evacuating people with special needs. Know the location of special needs shelters in case you are unable to evacuate.
- Water Sewer Activities
 - Lift station maintenance: Worked on main lift station; pulled Old South pump twice to clear and repair; replaced pump at Central Elementary.
 - Ran new water line 800 block of West Royal Palm.
 - Repaired low pressure problem at 618 W Sagamore.
- Electric Activities
 - Ran 4 new overhead services; 3 to new phone boxes and 1 for the construction trailer at Florida Community Health Center.
 - Ran new underground service 326 W Arcade.
 - Storms have kept the crews busy with numerous power outages this week.
 - Repaired several street lights throughout service area and trimmed trees on East Crescent and Trinidad.
- Please remember to register with CodeRed (Reverse 911). This system allows us to contact you in case of an emergency or with other informational announcements. You may register by clicking on the CodeRed link at the bottom of the City's website page

www.clewiston-fl.gov. You may update your information at any time through the same link.

- If you are considering replacing your air conditioner or insulation, remember the City offers a rebate program for those items. Most local contractors participate in the program and can give you information. You can also visit our website at www.clewiston-fl.gov or call our office.
- DON'T FORGET TO SIGN UP FOR YOUR METER BASED SURGE PROTECTION! Visit our office today.
- ONLINE BILL PAY IS AVAILABLE on our web site at www.clewiston-fl.gov or www.municipalonlinepayments.com/clewistonfl.

PLEASE BE AWARE OF UTILITY PAYMENT SCAMS: Scam artists are calling Utility customers posing as employees of Clewiston Utilities and threatening disconnection of services if payment is not made immediately. Please be aware:

- 1) Clewiston Utilities will NEVER request you to purchase money cards or gift cards to pay your account over the phone.
- 2) Clewiston Utilities will NEVER contact our customers on the weekend and threaten disconnection of services.
- 3) Clewiston Utilities will NEVER speak to our customers in a threatening tone.

If you feel you have been a victim of this scam, please contact Clewiston Utilities to verify the call or the Clewiston Police Department and file a report.